

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: James W. Taylor et al.
Title: STABILIZED WATER-BORNE
POLYMER COMPOSITIONS
FOR USE AS WATER-BASED
COATINGS
Appl. No.: 10/711,481
Filing Date: 9/21/2004
Examiner: Tae H. Yoon
Art Unit: 1714
Confirmation Number: 5480

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed October 01, 2007. In the Office Action, the USPTO has required restriction between five groups and has also required a species election for the purposes of the search.

Restriction

In the Office Action, the PTO has required restriction between the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-23, drawn to a composition and a method of making thereof;

Group II: Claims 24-27, drawn to various products;

Group III: Claims 28-31, drawn to a method of coating;

Group IV: Claims 32 and 33, drawn to a composition having an abrasion resistant; and

Group V: Claims 34 and 35, drawn to a composition with a particular viscosity.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-23, for examination, without traverse.

Species Election

The Office Action sets forth a requirement for selection of species on page 4. The Examiner alleges that the following species, "hydroxy" and "carboxy" are combined with "acids," "anhydrides," and "esters."

Applicant hereby elects "carboxy" and "acids" for the purposes of the initial search by the Examiner, without traverse. Applicant submits that "carboxy" and "acids" read upon at least claims 1-14, and 16-23.

Applicant believes this response to be timely filed. While Applicant does not believe that any fees are due with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,


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